TRAVANCORE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, SUPPLEMENT.

TUESDAY, 15th March 1898.

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Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 1 P. M., on Saturday the $\frac{\text{12th March 1898.}}{\text{30th Kumbhum 1073.}}$

PRESENT.

The Dewan ... ... *Presiding.*

M. R. Ry. K. Krishnaswamy Rao Avergal, Dewan Bahadur., F. M. U.

M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillai Avergal, M. A.

Mr. C. J. Maltby.

Mr. I. H. Prince.

M. R. Ry. E. Ramier Avergal.

The Secretary presented the following papers and as copies had been previously furnished to the members, they were taken as read:—

No.	From whom received.	Purport.
1.	Boothalingom Iyer, Huzur Office ...	Suggestions on the Abkari Regulation Amendment Bill.
2.	Chandamiah, Abkari Inspector ...	Do.
3.	C. John, Abkari Contractor, Kottayam ...	Do.
4.	Krishnen Sankaran and others of Kottayam...	Do.
5.	The Junior Rajah of Poonjat ...	Do.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao moved that in section 4, 10th line, the words 'such service' be substituted for 'office'

Seconded by Mr. Thanu Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao.—In section 12, Proviso (1), I would place the word 'affecting' between 'measure' and '(*a*).'

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao.—I beg to move that in section 1, the words '1st Chingom 1074' be inserted after 'on.'

Seconded by Mr. Thanu Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao.—I beg to move that the Bill as now amended be passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE ABKARI REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I will now proceed with the amendments of which I have given notice.

Section 3, Clause (3).

After 'clause (*b*),' add the words 'to exercise all the powers and to perform all the duties of a Division Peishcar under this Regulation.'

These words, the Council might remember, were in the original Bill but were omitted by the Select Committee. Section 4, clause (*b*), provides for Government appointing an officer to exercise all or any of the powers and to perform all or any of the duties of a Division Peishcar in respect of the Abkari Revenue. A Tahsildar or even a Deputy Tahsildar may have to be invested with some of the powers of a Division Peishcar and it is hardly desirable that they should be styled 'Division Peishcars.' The object of the amendment is to restrict the designation to those who are invested with all the powers of a Division Peishcar.

Seconded by Mr. Ramier.

Carried.

Section 3, Clause (13).

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—My next amendment is: 'Omit clause (13) of section 3.' The clause contains a definition of the terms 'retail' and 'wholesale.' There is no such definition in the Madras Abkari Act (I of 1886). But it occurs in and has been taken from the Indian Excise Act (XII of 1896). It has been suggested that rather than adopt a hard and fast definition, it would be better to leave it to Government to determine the quantities with reference to local conditions and other considerations. I think the suggestion is good and trust it will commend itself to the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

Section 3, Clause (14).

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I propose that in section 3, clause (14), the words 'to bring' be substituted for 'bringing.'

Seconded by Mr. Ramier.

Carried.

Section 11.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—The omission of the definition of the terms 'wholesale' and 'retail' already decided upon by the Council, necessitates a slight change in section 11. The words 'larger than that specified in section 3, clause (13), in respect of such liquor or intoxicating drugs' have to be omitted, and the words 'in excess of such quantities as Our Government may, from time to time, prescribe by Notification in respect of any specified description or kind of liquor or intoxicating drug' substituted instead. The effect of this modification will be to leave it to Government, from time to time, to prescribe the minimum quantity that may be in the possession of a private individual without a license or permit.

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

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